

Van Asselt Community Center Youth Forum

November 10, 2011, 4:00 PM

#1 What should we keep doing?

Youth were asked to list activities they enjoy/participate in at their community center and then self prioritize, as well as prioritize as a small group. (Responses in bold were self prioritized by youth,* are for repeated responses.)

- **People***
- **Open gym******
- **Safe place**, safe from outside
- **Soccer****
- **Volunteer***, **helping hands**, help, **helping Ms. Joy**
- **Activities****
- **Eat**, free food***
- **Parties***
- **Friends****
- **Meet new friends***
- **Ping pong******
- **Play basketball*******
- **Late night*******
- **Play video games*****
- Park, **swings**
- **Teen room*****
- **Field trips******
- **Homework*****, **homework help**
- **Play sports***
- Makes you happy that you know you got somewhere to hang out.
- Events
- Meeting Ms. Joy
- Play games, board games
- No homework
- Have fun
- Hoop
- Watch girls who dance
- **Chill****
- **Hangout****
- **Location***
- Right near my school
- Nice and quiet
- Has a field*
- **TV***, basketball on TV.*
- **Programs****

- Tennis
- Fun*
- Art
- Soda machine
- Dance team, dance
- Free admission
- Employees*
- Free borrowing the balls
- Outdoor basketball hoops
- A place to hang out
- Stay out of trouble
- Water fountain
- Benches, couches
- Cooking

#2 What should we keep prioritize?

Youth put their self selected priorities on chart paper and then were given three votes to prioritize activities as a group.

- Outdoor basketball/Open gym – 30 votes
- Late night – 7 votes
- Parties – 3 votes
- Video games – 1 vote
- Safe place – 1 vote
- Teen room – 1 vote
- Free food – 1 vote
- Field trips – 1 vote

#3 What should we stop doing?

- Stop closing gym early
- Cutting Van Asselt's hours because we don't have another place to be after school
- Locking up soccer goals.
- 2 buses to get to another community center
- No morning hours – after school most important
- No horsing around
- Stop shutting down centers/lowering hours
- Changing staff
- Stop assuming what teens need/want.
- Not enough basketball hours
- No more skate parks
- Stop building other centers
- Give some of Jefferson's hours to Van Asselt CC
- Stop giving away free food
- Gang bangin'
- Littering
- No student ID check

- Minimizing hours (need Sunday hours)
- Late night SHOULD be year round
- Less staff movement

#4 How can I help?

- Pick up trash
- Community service/volunteer
- Stop breaking the rules & making the staff mad.
- Stop vandalizing
- Help others
- Fundraisers
- Support community center by using it more, signing in (make sign-in easier, more sheets)
- Fundraising: car wash, gardening, sell food, snacks, bake sale
- Boys & Girls Scouts activities and community center
- Promote programs: flier, bring your friends, Facebook ads, page, let friends know through Facebook
- Community Service – pick up garbage
- Volunteering, want people to know that we want to help community
- Be understanding
- By participating
- Volunteering/litter pick-up
- Help tutor
- Fundraising
- Want adults to know that we have the idea

Additional Youth Comments/Responses to what did you like or dislike about the Youth Forum?

- I liked how you guys tried or did help us, thanks.
- Trying to help out our community center.
- Trying to help our community center.
- It went good.
- Basketball on Sundays.
- (dislike) Minimize of hours!!
- Helping community center.
- Minimize hours in the morning.

Yesler Community Center Youth Forum

November 8, 2011, 4:00 PM

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Youth were asked to list activities they enjoy/participate in at their community center and then self prioritize, as well as prioritize as a small group. (Responses in bold were self prioritized by youth,* are for repeated responses.)

- **Hang out****, Hang out with friends**
- **GroundUP**
- **Resources**
- **Mock trial****
- **Events****
- **After school activities**
- **Cooking*****
- **Meet people***
- **Teen center**
- **Teen Advisory Council**
- **Playground***
- **Tennis***
- **Swimming, Pool**
- **Volunteering*******, **Help others***, **Helping the staff**
- Help around the center, clean up, organize, and get credit for service hours
- **Helped with events (haunted house)**, Help set up, Clean up
- **Eat***
- **Play tag**
- **Sleep**
- **Play**
- **Bossed kids around**
- **Work out**
- **Laugh**
- Basketball***
- Homework*
- Computer lab**, Internet
- Work experience*
- Fieldtrips*
- Sports programs
- Football
- Gym use
- Movies*
- Meetings, help with meetings
- STEP
- Late Night
- Halloween activities/festivities
- Sculpture lessons
- Equipment rental
- Prank
- Play Xbox/Wii
- Fooseball
- Money
- Snacks
- Pool
- Microwave
- Brag
- Elevator
- Ping pong

#2 What should we prioritize?

Youth put their self selected priorities on chart paper and then were given three votes to prioritize activities as a group.

- Hang out – 7 votes
- Organize Events/Events – 6 votes
- Work experience – 3 votes
- Volunteer – 3 votes
- Tennis – 2 votes
- Swimming – 1 vote
- Mock trial – 1 vote
- Teen Center – 1 vote
- GroundUP – 1 vote
- Homework – 1 vote
- Resources – 1 vote

#3 What should we stop doing?

- Skate park because it attracts drug abusers. – Have someone monitor skate park.
- Make parks space more safe (smaller, better visibility)
- High prices for concession snacks
- Field trips (lots of \$)
- Stop cutting staff hours

#4 How can I help?

- Talk to City Council at their next meeting
- Spread the word
- Discuss in school board meetings
- Join Teen Advisory Council at community center
- Volunteering with programs
- Help develop programs
- Help monitor
- Help make community center comfortable
- Homework help
- Fundraise
- Donation
- Volunteering
- Refer more people to come to the community center

Additional Youth Comments/Responses to what did you like or dislike about the Youth Forum?

- I thought you guys presented your vision with the purpose of giving teens a voice really well. You guys also did a good job of making the kids participate in the discussion of goals.
- Faults: Considering the general young age & the nature of this meeting & members you guys did nothing wrong. Keep it up.

- I think that it's a good idea to have a meeting that talks about serious things about the community center.
- It was fun & interesting. Shorten length of some parts and get to the point.
- Fun to meet new people.
- Like – Some parts, ideas. Dislike – talks too much.
- Like – Not too boring. Dislike – you should speak louder.
- Liked – Games, being able to share my thoughts. Disliked – too long.
- Being a part of the decision that's going to be made.
- More people could have been here.
- Communication, participation, laughing.